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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 24, 2006, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention a Notification from the International Bureau dated May 26, 2006, which includes an International Preliminary Search Report on Patentability and an English language translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009258, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The

following is a list of the documents cited in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-253251, together with an English language abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,279,314;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. HEI 5-70520, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-425, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-33043, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-10272, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-502908, together with an English language abstract of the same and patent family member International Patent Publication No. WO 93/04641; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-23359, together with an English language abstract of the same.

Applicant notes that all of the aforementioned documents were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on April 24, 2006, and thus, copies of the foreign patent documents are not enclosed herewith.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

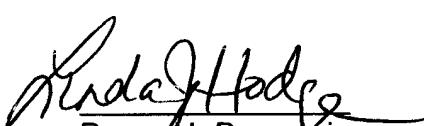
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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